

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Eiichi SASAKI

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SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

EXAMINER:

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE PROCESSING CAPABLE OF EFFICIENTLY  
PERFORMING A GRAY-SCALE CORRECTION

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/459,638, filed December 13, 1999, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-353223	December 11, 1998
Japan	11-029210	February 5, 1999
Japan	11-269096	September 22, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. 9/459,638 filed December 13, 1999
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)  
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